

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 14 are pending in the application. Claims 9-13, 15 and 16 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-8 and 14 are rejected. Claims 3-8 are objected to. In response to the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 14 are amended and Claim 3 is cancelled.

Claims 1-8 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response to this rejection, Applicant has amended Claim 1 responsive to this rejection. In the Action, the Examiner contends that Claim 1 is claimed for a casting mold, not a claim for the casting gasket. However, Claim 1 is directed to an assembly device for a plastic lens forming casting mold. The device includes a gasket clamping mechanism and other elements as set forth in the claim.

Claims 1-2 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Magne. However, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection of 35 USC 112, second paragraph and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this connection, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable Claim 3. Similarly, Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 from which it depended so that the claim has now been rewritten in independent form. Additionally, the elements of claim 1 which are included in Claim 7 also include the amendments responsive to the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 USC 112. Further amendments have been made in order to correct Claim dependencies from cancelled claims, and to otherwise place the claims into a form consistent with U.S. practice.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims pending for examination, namely, Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 14 are all in condition for allowance, which early Action is requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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